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Mr. E. H. WILLIAMS, Regional Director, Region #7, AFL-CIO, 908 Gladstone Boulevard, Shreveport, Louisiana, whose office is located at Room 1015, Carondelet Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

He recalls LEE HARVEY OSWALD was in his office in New Orleans, Louisiana in about May, 1963. He does not recall the exact date and it may have been earlier than May, 1963 when OSWALD was in his office. The first contact he had with OSWALD was when he received a letter from OSWALD which letter was mailed from another state. He does not recall from where the letter was mailed but it may have been mailed in Ohio or possibly the east coast of the United States. In the letter OSWALD stated he had been raised in New Orleans but had been away for many years. OSWALD said he was returning to New Orleans shortly and would come into the AFL-CIO office to try to obtain a job. This letter was not addressed to WILLIAMS personally but was addressed to the AFL-CIO office.

Sometime, possibly two or three weeks after receiving the letter, OSWALD appeared in WILLIAMS' office and inquired as to the possibility of obtaining a job. WILLIAMS did not know OSWALD but recalls his appearance and now recognizes him as the man whose photograph has been in the newspapers recently. He recalls OSWALD was not a skilled laborer and he discouraged OSWALD's efforts to obtain a job through the AFL-CIO. He thinks he told OSWALD that OSWALD would have to join a union in order to secure a job and OSWALD said he would do so if he could get a job. WILLIAMS does not recall any other details as to his conversation with OSWALD but he believes OSWALD was alone at the time he was in the AFL-CIO office. He did not refer OSWALD to any local office of the AFL-CIO that he can recall. WILLIAMS recalls OSWALD was in his office only a short time but again returned to his office some week or two after the first visit. OSWALD was told that WILLIAMS could not help him secure a job.

There are five other employees in WILLIAMS' office and WILLIAMS does not know whether or not these employees

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recall OSWALD. WILLIAMS has made a thorough search of his office in an effort to locate the letter he received from OSWALD and can not find this letter. It is his opinion he destroyed the letter at the time he received it. He thinks this letter was signed LEE OSWALD or LEE H. OSWALD. He can furnish no further information as to LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

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E. H. WILLIAMS, Regional Director, Region #7, AFL-CIO, 226 Carondelet Street, advised that during April or May, 1963, his office received a handwritten letter addressed to the Regional Office of AFL-CIO, from an individual named (first name not recalled) OSWALD who said in the letter that he wanted an opportunity to come to that office and talk to someone about getting a job. WILLIAMS cannot remember the contents of the letter and said he believes it mentioned in the letter that the writer, OSWALD, said he was born and raised in New Orleans. WILLIAMS said he thinks the letter was postmarked New Orleans. He said he has thoroughly searched his papers and the entire file in his office and has not been able to locate this letter. He said this is not unusual inasmuch as his usual procedure in letters not pertaining to his business is to throw them away after reading them.

WILLIAMS was shown a photograph of LEE HARVEY OSWALD taken by the New Orleans Police Department on August 9, 1963, and positively identified OSWALD as the individual who came to his office a few days after the letter signed OSWALD was received. WILLIAMS said OSWALD came into the office, spoke to his secretary, and she immediately referred him to WILLIAMS. WILLIAMS said OSWALD told him he was looking for a job and thought that maybe WILLIAMS or his organization could help him find one. WILLIAMS asked him if he was a member of the union and OSWALD told him he had never belonged to a union. WILLIAMS asked him if he had any type of skill but from his conversation with OSWALD, OSWALD indicated that he did not have any particular skill. WILLIAMS told him that he could not help him nor could he send him to anyone in the union inasmuch as he did not have a skill in any particular field.

WILLIAMS asked OSWALD if he had gone to the U. S. Employment Service (USES) and OSWALD replied that he had not. WILLIAMS said as he recalls, he did call the USES and contacted a JIMMY MESSINA and told him OSWALD was in his office and he would appreciate it if he would speak to him at the employment service and get him a job if possible. WILLIAMS said young fellows frequently come to his office for work and if they do not belong to the union or have a particular skill it is his usual procedure to refer them to the USES.

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WILLIAMS said OSWALD came in alone and remained in his office for approximately 20 minutes. He said as he recalls, OSWALD impressed him as an odd sort of person who complained that nobody wanted to help him but thought that everyone should help him to make his way in life. OSWALD had mentioned to him that he had a family but gave no further background regarding himself. He said OSWALD also left the impression that he did not want just an ordinary job, but some type of a very good job. WILLIAMS said OSWALD impressed him as having a sharp mind and certainly was sane at the time he spoke to him.

WILLIAMS said that two or three days later OSWALD again came to his office before 9:00 A.M. in the morning and no one was there but him, WILLIAMS, and OSWALD asked him if he had done anything for him. WILLIAMS advised that he believes he told him that he had not done anything for him because he had not promised to do anything for him and that his call to the USES was the best he could do for OSWALD. He said OSWALD left with this and he has not seen him since that time.